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Finsterwalde (A-15)

1. Since the Russian occupation there have always been about 20,000 - 25,000 Red Army troops in this area, consisting mainly of artillery and infantry. No tanks were seen there, except on rare occasions when it is thought they did not form part of the garrison.
2. During early February 1947, all these troops left by train in the direction of Cottbus. Three agricultural estates of 300 to 400 Morgen each, which had been run by the Russian authorities, were recently returned to the town of Finsterwalde, in connection with the departure of the Red Army troops.
3. Finsterwalde Airfield has also been evacuated, but not dismantled. A few guards remain at the field. On this aerodrome there were usually some SE and TE fighters, including some Messerschmidts. The field in question is the one on the right-hand side of the road leading from Kirchhain to Finsterwalde.
4. The Todt Organization Camp on the Kirchhain side of the airfield, which was used as an artillery ammunition dump, is also being evacuated.

Kirchhain-Dobriluck (A-05)

5. The Komendatura, together with a tank division equipped with T-34's, left during late January and early February 1947.
6. The big tank repair shop at Dobriluck, just outside the town on the road to Schonborn (E-94), has been evacuated. A few guards are still posted there.

Königsmusterhausen (V-C2)

7. The Komendatura, along with troops wearing red cap-bands, departed at the end of February 1947.

Schmuckwitz, near Berlin (V-03)

8. The Komendatura and the small garrison of ninety men left Schmuckwitz in early March 1947. Only a road check post remains.

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Juterbow (E-68)

9. There are many Red Army troops in and around the town and nothing has been heard of departures. No difficulties are encountered on entering or leaving the town.
10. In none of the above-described localities were any T-34 tanks observed. The number of other tanks seen is entirely negligible and they consisted of not more than half a dozen T-34's altogether.

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